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Applicant would like to draw the attention of the Examiner to the following co-pending applications:

Application Serial No.: 10/417,790, filed April 16, 2003, by J. Gannoe, and

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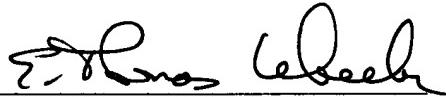
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